

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 58, line 23 through page 59, line 2 with the following amended paragraph.

In order to successfully coil fused silica capillary tubing to achieve the tighter coils and higher ASRs associated with them, it is important to exert all possible care to coil the tubing without introducing nicks or other breakage that can lead to breakdown of extraction function. For instance, it is usually better not to introduce any twisting of the tubing during the coiling process, as this twisting will itself introduce stress into the tubing beyond that introduced by the coiling. Other precautions that will permit tighter coiling without breakage include minimizing nicks on inner and outer surface of capillary, the use of a thicker coating, preferably a polyimide coating, and minimizing exposure of the capillary surface to high pH or basic conditions.